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MWC Basketball Coach Comes Under Fire After Season

By Bryan Tucker
Bullet Associate Editor

After yet another losing season by the men's basketball team—the ninth in as many seasons—MWC Athletic Director Ed Hegmann has publicly expressed his dissatisfaction with the performance of long-time head Coach Tom Davies.

"The overall trend in long-term performance of the program is a grave concern of mine," said Hegmann in a recent interview. "It is difficult to mandate [an acceptable win-loss record], but obviously in this case a negative performance level has historically been going on for a long time and that is very disturbing to me."

"Coach Davies and I have talked about the situation, he's aware of the situation, he is trying to deal with it and to initiate procedures to make it better and I'm trying to help him in the same direction," Hegmann added. "It's obvious that it hasn't been working in terms of won-lost record and in terms of dissatisfaction."

When asked to comment on

Hegmann's remarks, Davies said he thought they were inappropriate.

"My feelings are that [the remarks] are a breach of confidentiality in personnel matters. Those are supposed to be confidential," said Davies.

This past season the basketball team finished 6-19. For the last nine years, the men's basketball team has failed to win more than ten games in any season since 1985-86 when the Eagles were ECAC South Region Champions. Their record over this span is 76-157 and Davies' overall coaching record is 180-292 for a .381 winning percentage.

"I'm a pretty competitive person and it does bother me that we have struggled," said Davies.

In the wake of the latest losing season, at least three more players have announced that they will not be playing for the team next year if Davies remains as head coach.

"If somebody does not have a burning desire to play for us next year, I don't want them to play," said Davies.

McCarthy, last season's leading

COLLEGE PRESIDENT WILLIAM ANDERSON said he has been aware of the players' dissatisfaction but could not comment directly about the Davies' situation because it is a personnel matter.

"I'm aware that there is dissatisfaction on the part of some of the players. That has been expressed to me, and the dissatisfaction that has been shared with me I've shared with me and it does bother me that we have struggled," said Davies.

The three current players who say they won't be back next year are junior guard Justin McCarthy, freshman forward George Bunch, and freshman forward Mike Privett.

McCarthy, last season's leading

scorer at 11.8 points per game, said not all the problems with the team should be pinned on Davies, but he said he did feel Davies was responsible for failing to instill a winning attitude. As an example, he said Davies would congratulate the team if they shot well even if they lost a game.

"He does not come across as a winner," said McCarthy. "The players respect him as a guy but not

as a coach."

McCarthy, who has played two and a half years for the men's basketball team, said he considered quitting last season. He chose to play this year because he wanted to prove

that the second part of the season was a fluke. However, times have changed.

"There is no way in hell I'm going to play if he's [Davies] back," said McCarthy.

Bunch, who was the second-leading scorer at 11.1 points per game, and the leading rebounder at 6.9 boards per game, also said he will not play if Davies is still around.

"I'm not playing if he's coach," said Bunch.

Bunch said he believes that the Eagles had the most talent in the Capital Athletic Conference this year, but the "only thing I think is missing is the coaching."

The final straw for Bunch was in MWC's first-round CAC Tournament game against Catholic when the Eagles were leading by a considerable margin in the first half. He said Catholic responded with a major run of 20 points, Davies, meanwhile, did not call a time-out but instead "looked like a spectator," Bunch said.

Freshman reserve forward Mike Privett, who averaged 4.9 points and

3.1 rebounds per game, said he will also not come back if Davies is coach.

"If we had a new coach, I would definitely come back, but if Davies is coaching I don't think we have a chance to get better," said Privett.

This isn't the first year players have complained en masse about Davies. After the 1993-94 season, all but two players signed a letter to President Anderson voicing their concerns about Davies and asking for his dismissal. Current seniors Dave Carey, Mike Johnson and graduate Jeremy White took the letter to Anderson after the season was over, and also met with Hegmann for an hour to discuss concerns with the men's basketball program.

Hegmann acknowledged that the meeting took place but could not remember whether or not he had seen the letter. Davies said he never saw the letter but that he had heard about its existence.

"I don't think anyone has any

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Coach Tom Davies

Housekeeping Employee Charged With Stealing Credit Card From Student

By Wendi Davis
Bullet Assistant News Editor

On February 14, when sophomore Jacqueline McGowan reported her credit card lost or stolen, it was too late.

On February 9 James P. Banks allegedly made a fraudulent charge with McGowan's credit card, according to college police.

The credit card had been missing from her Russell dorm room since February 7 or 8 according to

McGowan.

"I have no idea when it happened. I used it one day and went back to use it a couple of days later, and was gone," said McGowan.

On February 9 an unauthorized charge showed up in the amount of \$430.17. The charge was made for merchandise ordered from Bass Pro Shops, a retail fishing catalog.

"I reported the card missing to my credit card company on the ninth," said McGowan. "At that time they asked me if I had made the charge for

\$430.00."

McGowan denied the charge, and then reported the incident to the police.

After investigation from Mary Washington Police, a suspect appeared in the case. The suspect had used a false name with the stolen credit card. MWC police checked into the address that the merchandise was sent to, and at that time they made some conclusions as to the possible culprit.

"Of course he used a false name, but we did some investigation into the address that the merchandise was sent to, and we determined that was the address of one of the housekeeping staff," said Lieutenant Leigh Collins.

Warrants were issued on Thursday February 22nd for the arrest of James P. Banks an employee of the housekeeping staff of MWC.

Banks has been charged with felony credit card theft and felony credit card. Banks has been released on an unsecured bond of \$3,000 under the agreement that he will not leave

town until after the trial. His arraignment took place on February 27 at 8:30 a.m. According to MWC police, the trial has not yet been set. However, McGowan said that she had been subpoenaed to go to court on April 4 at 10:30.

Charles Coleman, supervisor of housekeeping at the physical plant, indicated that Banks had no known history of crime.

Banks is no longer employed by MWC in light of the incident.

"I had to terminate him. We at

MWC] don't condone that kind of behavior", Coleman said.

According to McGowan she had been informed that Banks was not affiliated with the college. "They didn't even tell me his name," McGowan said, "yet when I report it stolen, I have to know my grandmother's maiden name for them to believe that I am the owner of the card."

"I just have a real problem that they accepted an order from a man with a credit card with the name of Jacqueline McGowan on it."

Junior Ring Week Forum Sparks Support for Mary Washington College Tradition

By Stephanie Weidel
Bullet Staff Writer

Instead of cancelling Junior Ring Week, the Council on Community Values and Behavioral Expectations' forum showed the college's enthusiastic support of one of the college's only traditions. Students and administrators reminisced about past Ring Weeks and discussed its future on March 19 in the Lee Hall Ballroom.

Speakers at the forum included Sergeant Richard Knick of the Mary Washington College Police Department; Jennifer Miley, assistant director of Residence Life; Michelle Trombetta; president of the Junior Class and Class Council; and Jeff Seaman, vice president of the Junior Class.

The forum focused on keeping Ring Week under control and respecting people's boundaries as to what is or is not an acceptable prank. The forum discussed the possibility of sanctioning students who may have violated college policy.

"We knew that Ring Week was

going too far and we wanted to get people together to talk about it, to see if people thought it was going too far. We wanted to try to decide what was too far, to come up with some self-imposed guidelines," said Derek Bottcher, the program subcommittee chair.

Miley reminded students that hazing and destroying college property are not acceptable. She said pranks that go too far are reported as punishable by sanctions, since it is Residence Life's duty to make sure that everyone is safe.

Many students felt that Residence Life's presence is not called for during

Junior Ring Week. They felt that they were able to take care of themselves and establish their own limits of what is acceptable pranking.

Trombetta stressed the specialness of Ring Week, something that one of less than ten schools nationwide celebrate. She also said that Mary Washington's ring sales, which have the highest percentage in the nation, are due in large part to the special events that juniors receive during Ring Week. Those special events often come in the form of pranks.

Many of the seniors, who are veterans of Ring Week, reminisced about their own experiences and the importance of the memories that they have.

"The student body needs to remain strong and to show we can handle it on our own," Trombetta said. "The ring presentation is one of the most beautiful events. [Ending Ring Week] would ruin something beautiful and fine about the school. Anything that keeps it going should be kept."

Now that Ring Week is officially underway, Trombetta has been pranked 10 times as of Tuesday.

"Jeff Seaman and I are getting slaughtered. But we're trying to have a good sense of humor about it. I'm having a blast. I think a lot of people like it," Trombetta said.

Bottcher agrees that people have been taking the pranks in stride. "People realize that people get pretty far out there, but people are willing to put up with it for tradition," he said.

Tim Bryner climbs out of the fountain, after his friends "helped" him wash off all that shaving cream.



Leanne Wright is crowned with a toilet bowl seat and forcibly enthroned with duct tape on a Campus Walk bench.



Junior girls Kirsten Franklin, Heather Masterson and Lorretta Downs take a nap on Campus Walk, with a little help from their senior friends.



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- On Wednesday, April 3 a poetry and fiction reading by Lisa Williams, instructor at the University of Virginia and Susan Chaudhary, former UVA Hoyas Fellow, will be held at the Kenmore Inn, 1200 Princess Anne St. at 8 p.m.

The poetry and fiction reading is sponsored by the MWC Poetry/Fiction Club.

- On Thursday, April 4 a lecture, "Daughters of the Bloodsuckers," by John V. Fleming, Fairchild professor of English at Princeton University will be held in Woodard Campus Center, Red Room at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the lecture.

- On Monday, April 8 the "Fredericksburg Forum," featuring Helen Thomas, David Gergen, John Kenneth Galbraith and Judy Muller, will be held in Dodd Auditorium, GW Hall at 8 p.m.

Misc.

- The Financial Aid Office announces the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award and the Jeannine Mary Pfeifle Memorial Scholarship. The deadline for both scholarships is April 5. Any questions should be directed to Martin A. Wilder, Jr., in Admissions Lee 201, Ext. 2000.

- Student Government Association will provide the first Student Course Guide, strictly by and for students, next fall. The Student Course Guide offers a description of each class will be 1-2 paragraphs of text describing the teaching style, grading techniques, and what aspects of the section reported on might appeal to the student. Student Government requests students to write-up descriptions of their classes on the Student Course Guide Forms available outside the student info desk in the Woodard Campus Center.

- VIVA, a joint library project of all publicly supported universities and colleges, now offers the Expanded Academic Index. The Expanded Academic Index is a full-text database of 530 journals, with citations from 1,150 additional titles. Access is obtained through the World Wide Web at <http://www.viva.lib.vau.edu/collect/serials.html> and through MWC's home page.

- April 1-5 is Disability Awareness Week. Events sponsored by SUCCESS, MWC Student Organization, and the Office of Disability Services are planned throughout the week.

- "Clean Your Plate," a new program sponsored by the Dining Hall Committee and COAR, has been established to reduce the amount of waste produced in Seacobeck, while also helping local charities. For each pound of waste that the student body cuts back, 20 cents will be donated to a local charity.

POLICE BEAT

By Chevonne Bray
Bullet Staff Writer

DUI/DIP

- On March 1 junior Brady Wassom and Rahol K. Gairois of Burke VA were arrested for DIP at Dandridge Street and Augustine Avenue.

- On March 23 Shawn Lee Anderson was arrested for DIP in front of Stratford apartments after a foot chase in which a campus police officer was injured. The officer was transported to the ER by rescue squad.

- On March 28 freshman Brian Ray Conner was arrested for DIP at Marshall Hall.

LARCENY

- On March 24 freshman Michael J. Komssi was arrested for stealing 24 CDs and carrying case from Marshall Hall. The items are worth an estimated \$440.

- On March 11 in Willard Hall three compact discs were stolen from a student's room. Authorities say the door was unlocked. The CDs are valued at \$35.

- On March 14 a binocular microscope was listed missing from Combs Hall. The microscope is worth \$500.

- On March 23 in Russell Hall, a driver's license was taken from the front desk. The license

belonged to an estimator who was in the building.

INJURY/ILLNESS

- On March 11 in the Goolrick weight room a student was suffering from dizziness and difficulty in breathing. The student was transported to the Health Center.

- On March 14 in Alvey Hall a resident with the flu passed out and hit their head on a dresser corner. The student was transported by rescue squad to the emergency room.

- On March 14 a student reported he was hit by a car while riding his bike on Salem Church Road and Harrison Road. The matter was referred to state police and the student refused medical treatment.

- On March 16 a student broke her nose in Goolrick Hall. She was transported to the ER by the rescue squad.

- On March 20 a student fell and hit her head outside of Seacobeck Hall. She was transported to the emergency room by the rescue squad.

- On March 21 a student in Willard Hall had difficulty breathing and was taken to the hospital.

VANDALISM

- On March 1 the windshield of a car parked behind Marye House was damaged. The estimated cost of the damage is \$270.

- On March 4 in Westmoreland Hall

- lobby the Plexiglas cover to an air conditioner was damaged. The cost of the damage is \$20.

MISC.

- On March 16 Sarah Marfia of Stafford and junior Brenna Wolf, student, were charged with underage possession of alcohol. Both were summoned to court.

- On March 17 junior Trevor Clarke was charged with curse and abuse for using profane language with a police station dispatcher. He was summoned to court and apologized to the dispatcher.

- On March 12 an obscene voice mail message was left in the office of Students' office. The matter is still under investigation.

- On March 21 a student in Willard Hall had difficulty breathing and was taken to the hospital.

- On March 15 an obscene phone call was made to the Student Activity office and left on the voice mail.

- On March 26 a student was injured at the Battleground tennis courts. The student refused to go to the emergency room but did go to the Health Center.

SENATE BEAT

Committee Chairs Offer Senate Changes to Appeal Process in Judicial Review Board Cases

By Chevonne Bray
Bullet Staff Writer

The major issues in Senate for the past two weeks are changes to the Student Government Association constitution and the addition of a student defender contact for Judicial Review Board. Derek Botcher, chair of the Welfare Committee, initiated the motion to accept the Handbook Committee's changes to the SGA constitution. The changes proposed would be to the appeals process. The only major alteration would be the addition of a presidential pardon.

This pardon would give the SGA president, the Judicial

Review Board chairperson, the Honor Council president, and the vice president of Senate the power to pardon persons who have been tried for a judicial offense. The pardon would be given by a board composed of these officers and passed with a majority vote.

Another major issue is the addition of a student defender contact person for the Judicial Review Board. This position was introduced by the current and future Judicial Review Board chairpersons, respectively Rebecca Manners and Beth Moss.

Dave Wrubel, chair of the Academic Affairs committee,

informed the Senate of the details behind the administration's decision to drop the Russian program. According to Wrubel approximately 47 students are enrolled in Russian classes.

Wrubel stated that the best chance for an overturned decision would be when the issue is presented before the next faculty meeting.

Geof Hart, former SGA President offered ways to deal with the fraternity issue on campus.

Other issues included wheelchair access on campus, student course guides, modifications to the weight room, and search and seizure policies.

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OPINIONS

Let's Get Creative

Within the last couple of days, most students have seen at least one sorry junior get thrown in the fountain or tied to a tree or punished with some sort of act that is equally as creative. It's pretty funny to be on your way to class and spot a few random people dripping with shaving cream and smashed eggs.

For some reason, eggs and shaving cream and duct tape have all come to be associated with complete hilarity during Junior Ring Week. While we do find it funny, we've also seen these sort of pranks a million and one times. When is someone going to realize that there are other jokes to play, other ways to make people look stupid while their closest friends look on and laugh? It's time for everyone to uncover their creative side.

Though there have been some creative acts, they are always the ones that nobody pays attention to. One student programmed his computer to have his phone call his friend's room every half hour throughout the night. Another junior got chained to a shopping cart which he was forced to walk around with for the entire day. See? Pranks don't have to be messy in order to be funny.

Actually, the funniest thing about Junior Ring Week is the manner in which juniors complain about getting caught by their other friends, but then proceed to blatantly ask for trouble. They complain about what might happen to their cars, and then loan the keys to their friends. They complain about getting tossed in the fountain and then walk by the fountain about 16 times a day. If you don't want to get wet, then don't walk by a large pool of water that is encircled by dozens of people who are out to get you. It's that simple.

Leave The Russian Alone

The newest news around campus is that Mary Washington is considering eliminating all of the courses, both in language and literature, in Russian that are currently offered. Though this probably will not affect the majority of students, something still seems askew.

Mary Washington already offers less classes than other schools. This is understandable, given the number of students who attend here. But the number of classes is small, just the same. Why would getting rid of one of our language disciplines even be taken into consideration? There's just no excuse for it. If anything, we should be thinking of ways to offer more variety.

People must be forgetting that students some students came here under the impression that we had things like a Russian program, no fraternities and good food. Why do the standards keep changing?

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Religion Improves Mental Health

By Thomas G. Moeller
Guest Columnist

Just before the New Hampshire primary, a panel of journalists on the "This Week With David Brinkley" television show grilled Republican presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan about his religion. When Buchanan explained his religious convictions, the panelists expressed their incredulity that any sane person could still hold such old-fashioned beliefs.

Similar anti-religion sentiment (often directed at "conservative" Christians and Roman Catholics) has also been reported on college campuses. Indeed, over the years a number of students have complained to me personally about what they considered to be religious insensitivity among certain faculty members here at MWC.

And yet despite all this, religion remains an important factor in the lives of millions of Americans.

In fact, a recent representative survey of 113,000 American adults found that the U.S. is an overwhelmingly religious and Judeo-Christian country. A total of 92.5 percent of the respondents identified themselves with a religion, whereas only 7.5 percent said they had no religion. Further, 86.5 percent identified themselves as Christians and two percent as Jews, with the rest scattered among other denominations.

Immigrants bringing their religion with them from Asia and the Middle East have made hardly a dent in the religious landscape. The survey found only 1.4 million because the U.S. census, which asks questions about everything from your income to the number of toilets in your house, is afraid to ask questions about religion.)

"Sociological and psychological research confirms that religion is good for both your physical and mental health." Because of its large sample size and a sampling error of only a fraction of a percent, this survey is considered to be extremely accurate. (It was conducted, incidentally,

because the U.S. census, which asks questions about everything from your income to the number of toilets in your house, is afraid to ask questions about religion.) Not only do Americans overwhelmingly identify

themselves as being religious, but a 1991 survey conducted by the Princeton Survey Research Associates showed that faith in God is the most important part of Americans' lives, followed by good health and a happy marriage. These results are consistent with a 1990 Associated Press poll in which 86 percent of Americans said that religion was either very important or fairly important to them. In both surveys (where the sampling error was around four percent) the importance of professional goals and jobs ranked low.

Pollster George Gallup has gone further in probing the importance of religion in people's lives. He finds that although there doesn't seem to be much difference between the "churched" and the "unchurched" in this country, "when you get to the level of the

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Ring Week Traditions Continue

By Michelle Trombetta
Guest Columnist

Are we having fun yet? The tradition of Junior Ring Week is one of Mary Washington College's most long-standing events. In its earliest incarnation, students marched through ring figures and received their class rings from their dates. We have come a long way. Today's students engage in a variety of activities which culminate in the presentation of class rings by the college president. But, there is a lot more that one must endure to get to this much anticipated moment.

Junior Ring Week has become a maze of intrigue and suspense for those students who are about to embark upon their last year here. Friends and foes plot, scheme and plan a broad assortment of "special" activities for their peers. It is hoped that this attention is lavished upon the members of the junior class with "love" and goodwill. Remember, "mean people suck."

During the week, junior class officers, supported by the rest of Class Council, provide safe havens for the members of their class. This year's events include a scavenger hunt, a pizza party, the drive-in movie

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Letters to the Editor

Former Professor Denies Statements

I just received a copy of the Feb. 8 article in the *Bullet* regarding my departure from the college. It has some inaccuracies that I wish to correct.

I never "made personal attacks against members of [the political science] department." In response to a question I factually responded that I had had some disagreements with the chair over what I perceived as his ineffectual handling of many student complaints regarding the classroom practices of one colleague (including grade inflation) and the loutish behavior of another colleague at departmental functions. These issues were professional, not personal.

I never suggested that Mary Washington College alter its basic function as a teaching institution. I did express disappointment with the institutional leadership for not moving more aggressively to support research by all faculty. I cannot imagine where anyone would get the idea that I expected the college "uniquely" to support me.

During the interview, I repeatedly emphasized that I left the college to

accept a very attractive job offer, not because of any long-standing difference of opinion about the direction of the college and disappointment with the leadership of my former department. This overall impression left by the article is very different from what I clearly conveyed to your reporter.

Mark J. Rozell

Future President Clarifies Petition

My purpose in writing this letter is to explain a few things. I mainly wish to clarify my actions in response to the so-called "Candidate Information Sheet."

As presented in the *Bullet* article "Flier Misrepresents 1996 SGA Candidates," there was much controversy and anger surrounding the 1996 campaign. The issue was not whether am I in favor of allowing the service fraternity to be recognized as a club. Nor was the issue about who should have more control, the students or the Executive Cabinet. The issue was the hostile manner in which Jon Mills approached us. In what some of us consider a misuse

of his power, he acted in a way that did not seem worthy of response. When told me that I must give him my stand on his petition by midnight of the next day, I was unsure from where he was deriving his power. If he was acting as Honor Council president, any candidate who signed the petition risked being disqualified because of Mill's endorsements. After talking with many of the other candidates, some of us decided not to sign the petition (whether or not we were in support of the cause).

Upon viewing the "Candidate Information Sheet" flier that was slid under all the doors in the residence halls, I was angered at the skewed

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• On Wednesday, April 3 a poetry and fiction reading by Lisa Williams, instructor at the University of Virginia and Susan Chamandy, former UVA Hoya Fellow, will be held at the Kenmore Inn, 1200 Princess Anne St. at 8 p.m. The poetry and fiction reading is sponsored by the MWC Poetry/Fiction Club.

• On Thursday, April 4 a lecture, "Daughters of the Bloodsuckers," by John V. Fleming, Fairchild professor of English at Princeton University will be held in Woodard Campus Center, Red Room at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the lecture.

• On Monday, April 8 the "Fredericksburg Forum," featuring Helen Thomas, David Gergen, John Kenneth Galbraith and Judy Miller, will be held in Dodd Auditorium, GW Hall at 8 p.m.

Misc.

• The Financial Aid Office announces the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award and the Jeannine Mary Pfeifle Memorial Scholarship. The deadline for both scholarships is April 5. Any questions should be directed to Martin A. Wilder, Jr., in Admissions Lee 201, Ext. 2000.

• Student Government Association will provide the first Student Course Guide, strictly by and for students, next fall. The Student Course Guide offers a description of each class will be 1-2 paragraphs of text describing the teaching style, grading techniques, and what aspects of the section reported on might appeal to the student. Student Government requests students to write-up descriptions of their classes on the Student Course Guide Forms available outside the student info desk in the Woodard Campus Center.

• VIVA, a joint library project of all publicly supported universities and colleges, now offers the Expanded Academic Index. The Expanded Academic Index is a full-text database of 530 journals, with citations from 1,150 additional titles. Access is obtained through the World Wide Web at <http://www.viva.lib.vaua.edu/collccts/serials.html> and through MWC's home page.

• April 1-5 is Disability Awareness Week. Events sponsored by SUCCESS, MWC Student Organization, and the Office of Disability Services are planned throughout the week.

• "Clean Your Plate," a new program sponsored by the Dining Hall Committee and COAR, has been established to reduce the amount of waste produced in Seacobeck, while also helping local charities. For each pound of waste that the student body cuts back, 20 cents will be donated to a local charity.

POLICE BEAT

By Chevonne Bray
Bullet Staff Writer

DUI/DIP

• On March 1 junior Brady Wassom and Rahol K. Gairova of Burke VA were arrested for DUI at Dandridge Street and Augustine Avenue.

• On March 23 Shawn Lee Anderson was arrested for DUI in front of Stratford apartments after a foot chase in which a campus police officer was injured. The officer was transported to the ER by rescue squad.

• On March 28 freshman Brian Ray Conner was arrested for DUI at Marshall Hall.

LARCENY

• On March 24 freshman Michael J. Komssi was arrested for stealing 24 CDs and carrying case from Marshall Hall. The items are worth an estimated \$440.

• On March 11 in Willard Hall three compact discs were stolen from a student's room. Authorities say the door was unlocked. The CDs are valued at \$35.

• On March 14 a binocular microscope was listed missing from Combs Hall. The microscope is worth \$500.

• On March 23 in Russell Hall, a driver's license was taken from the front desk. The license

belonged to an estimator who was in the building.

INJURY/ILLNESS

• On March 11 in the Goolrick weight room a student was suffering from dizziness and difficulty in breathing. The student was transported to the Health Center.

• On March 14 in Alvey Hall a resident with the flu passed out and hit their head on a dresser corner. The student was transported by rescue squad to the emergency room.

• On March 14 a student reported he was hit by a car while riding his bike on Salem Church Road and Harrison Road. The matter was referred to state police and the student refused medical treatment.

• On March 16 a student broke her nose in Goolrick Hall. She was transported to the ER by the rescue squad.

• On March 20 a student fell and hit her head outside of Seacobeck Hall. She was transported to the emergency room by the rescue squad.

• On March 21 a student in Willard Hall had difficulty breathing and was taken to the hospital.

VALANDALISM

• On March 1 the windshield of a car parked behind Marje House was damaged. The estimated cost of the damage is \$270.

• On March 4 in Westmoreland Hall

lobby the Plexiglas cover to an air conditioner was damaged. The cost of the damage is \$20.

• On March 17 a car belonging to a student was vandalized at Seacobeck Street and College Avenue. The vehicles rear window was smashed.

MISC.

• On March 16 Sarah Marfia of Stafford and junior Brenna Wolf, a student, were charged with underage possession of alcohol. Both were issued summonses to court.

• On March 17 junior Trevor Clark was charged with curse and abuse for using profane language with a police station dispatcher. He was summoned to court and apologized to the dispatcher.

• On March 12 an obscene voice mail message was left in the Dean of Students office. The matter is still under investigation.

• On March 21 a student in Willard Hall had difficulty breathing and was taken to the hospital.

• On March 15 an obscene phone call was made to the Student Activity office and left on the voice mail.

• On March 26 a student was injured at the Battleground tennis courts. The student refused to go to the emergency room but did go to the Health Center.

SENATE BEAT

Committee Chairs Offer Senate Changes to Appeal Process in Judicial Review Board Cases

By Chevonne Bray
Bullet Staff Writer

The major issues in Senate for the past two weeks are changes to the Student Government Association constitution and the addition of a student defender contact for Judicial Review Board. Derek Bottcher, chair of the Welfare Committee, initiated the motion to accept the Handbook Committee's changes to the SGA constitution. The changes proposed would be to the appeals process. The only major alteration would be the addition of a presidential pardon.

This pardon would give the SGA president, the Judicial

Review Board chairperson, the Honor Council president, and the vice president of Senate the power to pardon persons who have been tried for a judicial offense. The pardon would be given by a board composed of these officers and passed with a majority vote.

Another major issue is the addition of a student defender contact person for the Judicial Review Board. This position was introduced by the current and future Judicial Review Board chairpersons, respectively Rebecca Manners and Beth Moss.

Dave Wrubel, chair of the Academic Affairs committee,

informed the Senate of the details behind the administration's decision to drop the Russian program. According to Wrubel approximately 47 students are enrolled in Russian classes.

Wrubel stated that the best chance for an overturned decision would be when the issue is presented before the next faculty meeting.

Geof Hart, former SGA President, offered ways to deal with the fraternity issue on campus.

Other issues included wheelchair access on campus, student course guides, modifications to the weight room, and search and seizure policies.

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OPINIONS

Let's Get Creative

Within the last couple of days, most students have seen at least one sorry junior get thrown in the fountain or tied to a tree or punished with some sort of act that is equally as creative. It's pretty funny to be on your way to class and spot a few random people dripping with shaving cream and smashed eggs.

For some reason, eggs and shaving cream and duct tape have all come to be associated with complete hilarity during Junior Ring Week. While we do find it funny, we've also seen these sort of pranks a million and one times. When is someone going to realize that there are other jokes to play, other ways to make people look stupid while their closest friends look on and laugh? It's time for everyone to uncover their creative side.

Though there have been some creative acts, they are always the ones that nobody pays attention to. One student programmed his computer to have his phone call his friend's room every half hour throughout the night. Another junior got chained to a shopping cart which he was forced to walk around with for the entire day. See? Pranks don't have to be messy in order to be funny.

Actually, the funniest thing about Junior Ring Week is the manner in which juniors complain about getting caught by their other friends but then proceed to blatantly ask for trouble. They complain about what might happen to their cars, and then loan the keys to their friends. They complain about getting tossed in the fountain and then walk by the fountain about 16 times a day. If you don't want to get wet, then don't walk by a large pool of water that is encircled by dozens of people who are out to get you. It's that simple.

Leave The Russian Alone

The newest news around campus is that Mary Washington is considering eliminating all of the courses, both in language and literature, in Russian that are currently offered. Though this probably will not affect the majority of students, something still seems askew.

Mary Washington already offers less classes than other schools. This is understandable, given the number of students who attend here. But the number of classes is small, just the same. Why would getting rid of one of our language disciplines even be taken into consideration? There's just no excuse for it. If anything, we should be thinking of ways to offer more variety.

People must be forgetting that students some students came here under the impression that we had things like a Russian program, no fraternities and good food. Why do the standards keep changing?

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Religion Improves Mental Health

By Thomas G. Moeller
Guest Columnist

Just before the New Hampshire primary, a panel of journalists on the "This Week With David Brinkley" television show grilled Republican presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan about his religion. When Buchanan explained his religious convictions, the panelists expressed their incredulity that any sane person could still hold such old-fashioned beliefs.

Similar anti-religion sentiment (often directed at "conservatively" Christians and Roman Catholics) has also been reported on college campuses. Indeed, over the years a number of students have complained to me personally about what they considered to be religious insensitivity among certain faculty members here at MWC.

And yet despite all this, religion remains an important factor in the lives of millions of Americans.

In fact, a recent representative survey of 113,000 American adults found that the U.S. is an overwhelmingly religious and Judeo-Christian country. A total of 92.5 percent of the respondents identified themselves with a religion, whereas only 7.5 percent said they had no religion. Further,

86.5 percent identified themselves as Christians and two percent as Jews, with the rest scattered among other denominations.

Immigrants bringing their religion with them from Asia and the Mideast have made hardly a dent in the religious landscape. The survey found only 1.4 million

"Sociological and psychological research confirms that religion is good for both your physical and mental health."

because the U.S. census, which asks questions about everything from your income to the number of toilets in your house, is afraid to ask questions about religion.)

Not only do Americans overwhelmingly identify

themselves as being religious, but a 1991 survey conducted by the Princeton Survey Research Associates showed that faith in God is the most important part of Americans' lives, followed by good health and a happy marriage. These results are consistent with a 1990 Associated Press poll in which 86 percent of Americans said that religion was either very important or fairly important to them. In both surveys (where the sampling error was around four percent) the importance of professional goals and jobs ranked low.

Pollster George Gallup has gone further in probing the importance of religion in people's lives. He finds that although there doesn't seem to be much difference between the "churched" and the "unchurched" in this country, "when you get to the level of the

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Ring Week Traditions Continue

By Michelle Trombetta
Guest Columnist

Are we having fun yet? The tradition of Junior Ring Week is one of Mary Washington College's most long-standing events. In its earliest incarnation, students marched through ring figures and received their class rings from their dates. We have come a long way. Today's students engage in a variety of activities which culminate in the presentation of class rings by the college president. But, there is a lot more that one must endure to get to this much anticipated moment.

Junior Ring Week has become a maze of intrigue and suspense for those students who are about to embark upon their last year here. Friends and foes plot, scheme and plan a broad assortment of "special" activities for their peers. It is hoped that this attention is lavished upon the members of the junior class with "love" and goodwill. Remember, "mean people suck."

During the week, junior class officers, supported by the rest of Class Council, provide safe havens for the members of their class. This year's events include a scavenger hunt, a pizza party, the drive-in movie

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Letters to the Editor

Former Professor Denies Statements

I just received a copy of the Feb. 8 article in the *Bullet* regarding my departure from the college. I have some inaccuracies that I wish to correct.

I never "made personal attacks against members of [the political science] department." In response to a question I factually responded that I had had some disagreements with the chair over what I perceived as his ineffectual handling of many student complaints regarding the classroom practices of one colleague (including grade inflation) and the loutish behavior of another colleague at departmental functions. These issues were professional, not personal.

I never suggested that Mary Washington College alter its basic function as a teaching institution. I did express disappointment with the institutional leadership for not moving more aggressively to support research by all faculty. I cannot imagine where anyone would get the idea that I expected the college "uniquely" to support me.

During the interview, I repeatedly emphasized that I left the college to

accept a very attractive job offer, not because of any long-standing difference of opinion about the direction of the college and disappointment with the leadership of my former department. This overall impression left by the article is very different from what I clearly conveyed to your reporter.

Mark J. Rozell

Future President Clarifies Petition

My purpose in writing this letter is to explain a few things. I mainly wish to clarify my actions in response to the so-called "Candidate Information Sheet."

As presented in the *Bullet* article "Flie Misrepresents 1996 SGA Candidates," there was much controversy and anger surrounding the 1996 campaign. The issue was not whether I am in favor of allowing the service fraternity to be recognized as a club. Nor was the issue about who should have more control, the students or the Executive Cabinet. The issue was the hostile manner in which Jon Mills approached us. In what some of us consider a misuse

of his power, he acted in a way that did not seem worthy of response. When told me that I must give him my stand on his petition by midnight of the next day, I was unsure from where he was deriving his power. If he was acting as Honor Council president, any candidate who signed the petition risked being disqualified because of Mill's endorsements. After talking with many of the other candidates, some of us decided not to sign the petition (whether or not we were in support of the cause).

Upon viewing the "Candidate Information Sheet" flier that was slid under all the doors in the residence halls, I was angered at the skewed

way in which I and the other candidates who did not sign the petition were presented. The eventual meeting that many of the candidates had with the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee was filled with emotion and disbelief. How could a student and a member of the Executive Cabinet do something of this nature? The Rules and Procedure Committee ultimately decided not to disqualify the candidates who signed the petition. All of the candidates agreed that this was the best decision.

To dispel any other rumors that may have circulated on election day:

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If you have any questions, call Adam Fike, Bryan Tucker or Jenine Zimmers at 544-1133.

FEATURES

MWC Alumni Are Making the Grade in Woodbridge

By Dana Birkholz
Bullet Assistant Features Editor

When most people see the store sign "The Green Barrel" they venture into the store looking for a variety of pickles, but what they find is a skate and snow boarding shop.

The store, located in Woodbridge, is owned by two Mary Washington College alumni Scott Stanton and Brian Cropp.

Stanton and Cropp opened The Green Barrel last summer with the help of a northern Virginia alternative radio station WHFS, free Snapple and approximately a thousand interested shoppers.

"We had five bands and a party in the parking lot," said Stanton.

The store resembles its owners: laid back and friendly. Walking in the front door is a Snapple machine for quenching your thirst while you shop and a couch for those interested in sitting and chatting for awhile.

Roxy, the adopted dog of The Green Barrel, also greets all of the shoppers, but then quickly goes back to her bone or watching out the front door.

Stanton and Cropp, who roomed together all four years at MWC, decided after graduation to take some time off before joining the work force. Their destination? Backpacking through Europe.

"We were backpacking across Europe for

a couple months trying to sort out which direction we wanted to head whether go back to school, plus just having a blast out there. While we were over there I started writing down ideas in my journal and that was kind of the framework for the business end of it," Stanton said.

At first the theme, Stanton and Cropp chose was Australian using the name "The Australian Hut," but they soon decided that was misleading.

Cropp said that the Australian title would reflect the type of merchandise they were planning on carrying, because customers would come in looking for dungarees and oil skinned jackets.

During one afternoon of brainstorming, Stanton looked out the window at a green recycling bin and piped up with "The Green Barrel." And with their plans for their own clothing line, their label will be "Green Barrel Apparel."

"We were trying to think of a name for a clothing line that would be environmentally geared. We felt that in the next century, everyone was going to become more environmentally conscious, so we wanted to do a cool name that was ambiguous that could go in any direction, but also where we could have some environmental edge to it," said Stanton.

Stanton said that occasionally they feel like teen counselors, but they both feel that it is beneficial because they are actually out doing the same fun things that the kids are doing, which makes Stanton and Cropp good role models.

for west coast surfers. According to Stanton, Californians use "the green barrel" as a term for waves.

Stanton, who graduated with a Business Administration degree in 1994, worked on an internship in the Small Business Association, so he was already knowledgeable of the ins and outs of getting the store up and running.

After almost a year of planning and saving, The Green Barrel was theirs.

Cropp, clearly the more quiet partner, pointed out that the two did all the interior work for the store from the brick floors to the wood deck across the back to the sponge painted walls.

The first round of repeat clientele were the college students home during the summer, but when August and classes rolled around, Cropp and Stanton had to find a new steady group.

The local high schoolers and even some middle school kids filled in the gap, according to Stanton.

"We started slowly spreading the word and ever since then it is booming with middle school, elementary school kids and high school kids," said Stanton.

Stanton and Cropp are as loyal to these young fans as the kids are to them. According to them, the kids have made the Green Barrel their second home, too.

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The Green Barrel, less than a year old, is already set for expansion. Stanton and Cropp recently rented the space next to theirs and have a design plan for a store more than twice the size of the current one.

"We feel that right now, it is a real boutique atmosphere. We do clothes and that kind of thing, but the majority of our business is

skateboards and then during the winter snow boards," said Stanton.

With the new layout for the store, the larger new section will be devoted to their skating and snow boarding clientele while the original space will still carry clothes, shoes and hats.

Their quick expansion is a result of the continuing growth popularity of snow boarding, according to Stanton. It is one of the fastest growing sports, he said, especially now that it has just become an Olympic event. This gives The Green Barrel a perfect opportunity, he said, to supply this new sporting gear for an area lacking in these types of shops.

The owners of The Green Barrel are benefiting their community in more ways than skating and snow boarding. Last

Thanksgiving they gave 5 percent off store items for every canned food a customer brought in for the homeless.

Stanton and Cropp didn't stop there; they were the personal distributors of all the food they collected going to different places, Stanton said, to hopefully find the people who might not go to the shelters.

They have held other original sales, too. From midnight to 2 a.m., The Green Barrel recently held a late night sale equipped with a disc jockey and black lights around the store. It drew around 300 customers, Cropp said.

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Scott Stanton (left), Roxy and Brian Cropp relax in their store in Woodbridge.

One Unlucky Junior!



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Junior Tim Bryner was graced with the traditional dunk in the fountain Tuesday night after being completely coated with shaving cream. Bryner is of course only one of many, many juniors that have faced and will face an unexpected swim in the fountain during Junior Ring Week 1996.

Gangsta Rap Takes A Beating

By Ryan MacMichael
Bullet Staff Features Columnist

C. Deloris Tucker, chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women and chair of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus, spoke at the end of February in a Women of Color sponsored lecture entitled "The Ramification of Gangsta Rap." The audience, consisting of rappers, students and members of the National Political Congress of Black Women, listened attentively to her controversial stance.

Many in the hip-hop community feel very threatened and offended by Tucker's attack on gangster rap. Michael Franti of Spearhead recently commented in an article responding to Time-Warner's decision to drop Interscope, distributor of popular gangster rap like Snoop Doggy Dogg. "Rap didn't start the phenomenon of people killing each other or mistreating women in our community. Education and welfare cuts and a buildup of jails has more to do with it."

Tucker's basic message was simple. "It is a crime that we are promoting these kinds of messages. The whole gangster rap industry is drug-driven, race-driven, and greed-driven," said Tucker. Simply, "It is not healthy for our children."

Tucker's attack focused on gangster rap, a subgenre of rap she believes to be a current form of genocide of black people. She spoke of picketing major record stores, such as a planned protest at Tower Records in Philadelphia the week after her visit to Mary Washington. According to the Philadelphia

Inquirer, she was arrested during that protest and go after signing a promise to appear for a hearing at a later date.

Tucker, who marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Selma to Montgomery march in 1965, said that rap labels are "pimping pornography to the children for the almighty dollar." She called for a stop to the distribution and selling of gangster rap music and merchandise to the youth, citing her seven-year-old niece (born to a 13-year-old mother) saying that she "wants to be a gangster" as a prime example of what effect the music has on children.

In a similar article entitled "In Defense of Rap," Franti commented on presidential hopeful Robert Dole, Education Secretary William Bennett, and Tucker, who he refers to as a "professional anti-rap activist." In the article Franti said, "Millions of people in America today are without jobs, millions more without health care, Social Security is disappearing, the public school system is in steep decline, the murder rate is soaring, armed white men are waging war on the federal government—and they believe that gangsta rap is Public Enemy No. 1?"

Tucker responded on the Internet to Franti's comment.

"Our primary mission is to bring to government women and men that understand that the so-called economic and educational issues are those which should be priority items on the agenda of America," wrote Tucker. "We've just launched a black woman voter's crusade to get everyone registered to vote so that we can remove from office those persons who feel that it is not the government's

responsibility to provide education and economic opportunities to our people. When the women in the entertainment industry came to us and asked us to help, that's when we got into this whole entertainment area," continued Tucker.

Tupac Shakur, a prime target during Tucker's speeches, has released two singles praising Black women, "Dear Mama" and "Keep Ya Head Up" as well as an album track regarding a single teenage mother, "Brenda's Got A Baby." Nonetheless, Tucker still considers the negative messages that rappers send will overshadow the positive.

"The majority of [Tupac Shakur's] songs encourage young people to rob stores, to blow MF'er to moon, to use drugs by saying that smoking pot is the American dream," said Tucker. "His latest song is one using the F-word telling me why girls are called bitches, because of what they do. These [negative messages] are far greater than any single record that does which has any merit."

Harry Allen, "Hip-Hop Activist & Media Assassin" and founder of The RhythmCulture Institute, the world's first non-profit organization dedicated solely to hip-hop culture, feels that Tucker hasn't been specific enough.

"She hasn't defined what 'gangsta rap' is, and what it isn't," said Allen, who has appeared on several Public Enemy albums, which also targets for Tucker's accusations.

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Career Services Leads The Senior Class To The Real World

By Catherine Stollak
Bullet Staff Writer

Some people enter college knowing what they want to do when they grow up. Some reach graduation day without any clue what will happen after May.

Now that graduation has stuck up on a majority of the seniors at Mary Washington, Career Services has had an abundance of activity.

"We've been very busy the past few weeks," said Renee Herrell, director of Career Services. "All of our personal appointment times have been booked, and many students have been attending the workshops that we offer."

Career Services offers many workshops and resources geared toward helping graduates find careers. The center's workshops held each semester include how to write a resume, choose a career and prepare for an interview.

According to Herrell, many students are concerned that the job market is inaccessible for recent graduates, although students can be successful without the negative mindset.

"The media portrays the job market as being so awful, and many people are afraid, but if you are more focused and flexible, and you are aware of the career path that you have to follow . . . you can be pretty successful," said Herrell.

Now that it is the mid-point of the

semester, many seniors are concerned with preparing their resumes for prospective employers. Students have the option to use resume packets available in Career Services in order to work on their resumes themselves or can bring their resumes to a critique session at the center.

Senior Lisa Blackley, a student assistant in Career Services, had her resume critiqued at the center. "I dropped off my resume to have Mary Beccelia (assistant director of career services) look it over. She is really good at getting your ideas together. You tell her what you've done, and she can tell you the proper wording for it. For instance, if I say I've answered phones, she'll say that I routed people in the proper directions. She's seen a lot of resumes, and she's really good at telling you what to put on and what to leave off," said Blackley.

Senior Kristen Dowdy first went to Career Services as a sophomore looking for help with her resume. This year she went back to put on the finishing touches.

"Mary really helped me to decide which fonts and styles looked most professional on the resume," said Dowdy.

Students also have the option of including completed resumes in the center's computerized resume bank, which links students with potential employers.

"We are starting to put the '96 resumes in the resume pool service. If a recruiter requests resumes, then we do a computer match, and

send resumes to the recruiter, or if a job comes through here, we automatically do a computer match," said Herrell.

In addition to resume writing and critiquing, Career Services is equipped with a resource center to give students access to all the materials they may need in the quest for a job. The center contains computers which are available so that students can print their resumes, as well as having a program which allows students to identify jobs that they might be interested in by searching under career field and geographical region.

The center also has books and pamphlets describing every job field. There are lists of alumnus who have entered the job field and who are willing to speak with students about their careers. The center also provides applications for government jobs, and for certain tests required to enter a particular field.

For those students who want to continue their education after Mary Washington, there are several books about different graduate school programs.

"There's just so much here if the students just take advantage of it," said Herrell.

In addition to the many services offered for undergraduates at Career Services, graduates are also welcome to use it and them in their job searching. According to Herrell, alumni are welcome to use the computers and resources as well as attend workshops and receive career counseling. Included in the services for graduates is career

services offered throughout the world, where Career Services will contact a college or university nearby to assist with job searching in that area.

Many undergraduates are also encouraged to participate in internships for work experience before or during their senior year. Career Services coordinates the student intern program. Students may intern for up to four semesters. According to Herrell, there are 166 students involved in student internships this semester.

"Internships are a very big part of the services here. It is an excellent way for the students to apply what they have been learning in class to test out the field and to get experience," said Herrell.

"It's the kind of experience you can't get just anywhere," said Blackley, who has

participated in several internships.

Both Blackley and Herrell encourage students to come in to use the resources as soon as they can. The center held a sophomore panel after Spring Break consisting of recent alumni and local employers to talk about what young students should start planning their careers early, said Herrell.

"I think more people came as freshmen, and used it all throughout their Mary Washington careers, they'd have a better idea of what kind of jobs they are training for," said Blackley. "There's something you can get out of Career Services, and every year it's different—whether it's choosing a major or finding a job."



Mary Beccelia (right) in Career Services gives many workshops for students throughout the semester. Topics include interviewing skills and resume writing. Many seniors are now rushing to use the resources at the center to aid in their job searches.

Florida-Bound Breakers Build Houses For Homeless

By Dana Birkholz
Bullet Assistant Features Editor

One group of Mary Washington College students had all the makings for a wonderful Spring Break '96. The plans included sunny and warm Homestead, FL, friends and an occasional night on the town. The days, however, were quite different for this group of 16 people that traveled south for Alternative Spring Break, one division of Community Outreach and Resource, or COAR.

According to Bettie Bell, one volunteer, their days began at 6:45 (in the morning) followed by breakfast and by 8 a.m. they were hard at work building the framework for two houses.

Bell said that while they had little experience with this type of hard labor, they were willing to learn.

"It was pretty funny the first day, but from there on out we got a handle on it. We could do it," she said.

As volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, the group worked on restoring a community devastated by Hurricane Andrew. The area will one



Photo Courtesy of COAR

Sophomore Rob Seidner, chairperson for Alternative Spring break, helped build houses for victims of Hurricane Andrew.

day hold 90 homes, according to sophomore Rob Seidner, chairperson for Alternative Spring Break.

Their main responsibilities, Seidner said, included building the structure of the homes, but they also worked with landscaping the future community. After their group left, he said, a second group picked up with

dry walling.

Their days ended in the mid afternoon and they were free to do as they pleased with their evenings. Where did they go?

"K-Mart," said Bell, who explained that the group frequently had to buy items throughout the week that they had forgotten.

The group did

venture out a few times during the week for fun after the grueling work of hammer and nails. Bell said that they went to Miami, which is 20 miles north of Homestead, and checked out Coconut Grove. Habitat for Humanity rented a beach club for the group, too, she said. With that, the group enjoyed an afternoon of volleyball.

"We did some typical spring break things, but we were tired from the day," Bell said.

The planning for this event began last September according to Seidner, whose co-chair is junior Stacy DuVal. They first decided that they wanted to head south and by October, Florida was picked as the exact location.

The next stage in the planning was then money. According to Seidner, they received two grants from the Council of Community Values and Behavioral Expectations and the Alumni Association. To pay for the rest of their expenses they raffled off a dinner at the General Store, held bake sales and sold Sean Michael Dargan c.d.s. Dargan donated a portion of the sales to the trip, Seidner said.

The last remaining dollars came from the individual volunteers. Seidner said that each person contributed \$50. Their grand total, according to Seidner, was \$3300.

"It was pretty funny the first day, but from there on out we got a handle on it. We could do it again."

-Bettie Bell
Volunteer for Alt. Spring Break

"Yeah, the key works," he said, according to Ogilvie.

All in all, Seidner believes that this particular type of service work for the unfortunate victims of Hurricane Andrew is important, because this type of sudden and devastating loss could happen to anyone.

"It seemed a more noble-to-do thing. It could've been me or you that lost their homes to a natural catastrophe," he said.

Agreeing with Seidner, Ogilvie said that one of the best parts of working with Habitat for Humanity is working side by side with the people they are helping.

The future residents of the community took the volunteers to lunch and made a wood plaque to say thank you. The plaque now hangs in the COAR office.

The friendships among the volunteers were also a plus to the hard week, said Ogilvie.

"The people who are doing it really bond," he said. "[The friendships] are on a higher level than we were before, because we busted our asses in the hot sun."

RAP page 4

When asked about her occasionally sweeping generalities, Tucker responded that hip-hop itself wasn't the target.

"I'm not complaining about hip-hop," said Tucker. "I'm complaining about gangster, porno rap—that glorifies murder, rape, drugs, guns and is very misogynistic towards women. Not hip-hop and not rap in its purest form."

Allen also has problems with how Tucker has chosen to deliver her message. Tucker, a democrat, has gotten support from Bennett, a white republican.

"She has chosen to partner with some of the most notable racist suspects (white people) in order to create a desired response on the part of the racist victims (non-white people)."

Allen also feels that Tucker needs to "show herself a student of the culture, with some knowledge of it and respect for its traditions." Allen added, "She's not a credible witness to the times, from the perspective of the people who make hip-hop, i.e. she appears to be out of touch."

Tucker discussed how she met with Suge Knight, a big player in the rap industry who deals heavily with Dr. Dre and Snoop Doggy Dog, who

are big sellers in the gangster rap market. She told of how Knight wanted to produce more positive music but felt it wouldn't sell.

Allen's overall view of Tucker is not a favorable one. "She consistently strikes me as wild, unmanageable, and unreasonable, in the way that the poorest, most unfortunate Black people are, due to the damaging effects of white supremacy (racism) on our thinking," he said.

DeJuan Brown, a junior, voiced his opinion to Tucker during a question and answer session following her talk. "If I'm 15 years old and I'm on the corner and I'm selling drugs and someone asks me 'Can you rap?' and I say 'Yeah, I can rap' and then I think 'what can I rap about? I can't rap about white picket fences; I can't rap about beautiful lawns; I can't rap about cows in my backyard grazing. I gotta rap about what I know.' I mean, I can't write a book about being in a heavenly state with millions of dollars at my feet, because I didn't have that. What I had was people on the corner driving Cadillacs. They drove Cadillacs. They sold drugs."

Brown also felt that rapping about the drugs and strife in the inner-city

were better than actually going out and selling the drugs and shooting people.

"You have the negative, selling drugs to your own people, killing people, then you have the positive, rapping and telling people about your experiences and what you know, showing them 'Now I'm rapping,'" Brown said.

Tucker responded by telling Brown that by having positive messages, "you won't get a contract." She added, "What I want to do is make it possible for positive people like you to get a contract."

Another audience member commented about how she attacked music but not the mainstream action movies that glorified violence on the screen. "Television isn't as bad as music because you can't carry a television on your ears," responded Tucker.

Tucker hopes "that the recording industry and those who are responsible for promoting this music around the world begin to undo the harm and begin to give contracts and opportunities for people with positive messages. My office is full of albums of those young people that have positive messages to give. We want the industry to begin to promote that and to stop doing offensive music."

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SPORTS

Women's Lax . . . En Fuego!

Eagles Get Out of the Gates Quick, Rolling to Six Straight Victories

By Les Shaver
Bullet Staff Writer

Bullet Player of the Week

In honor of Junior Ring Week, the honors go to junior Tim Selgas. Selgas became Mary Washington's first ever male swimming All-American. Selgas received honorable mention with a few strong performances at the NCAAs Division III National Championships. Selgas finished in ninth place overall in the 100-yard butterfly, and placed eleventh in the 200 butterfly.

Junior baseball player Nathan Payne was also a finalist this week. In two games this week Payne went 6-9, with two stolen bases and two home runs (including a grand slam).

Baseball In Full Swing

The baseball team has entered the heart of their schedule since Spring Break. The team had mixed results this week, winning three games, while losing a pair.

The Eagles began the week with a 14-4 win over Maryville College, followed by a 22-11 victory over Hampden-Sydney College. They dropped two of their next three games, losing to the No. 2 team in the country, William Patterson and CAC opponent, Catholic University. In between the two losses, the Eagles defeated South Region rival, Bridgewater College, 7-6.

Junior Jin Wong went 3-3 in the Bridgewater game and leads the team in batting average (.500). Wong also leads the team in stolen bases, having swiped 23 in 25 attempts.

Registering the victory against Bridgewater was junior Jeff "Hooter" Hootselle. The win improved his record to 3-0 on the season. Hootselle also leads the team with a 1.88 ERA.

Men's Tennis on a Roll

The men's tennis team improved their record to 5-2 this week, winning three consecutive matches. The Eagles first took out Christopher Newport, followed by a victory over Lynchburg. Both matches were won, 6-1. In their latest contest, on March 26, they beat Virginia Wesleyan to advance their record to 5-2.

The team has been led by No. 1 seed, junior Chris Wallace. Wallace won his match against Christopher Newport, 7-5, 6-3. His victory over Lynchburg's top player was even more impressive, a 6-1, 6-1 thrashing. No. 2 seed, senior Eric Gesekter, also cruised to a pair of straight-set victories over Christopher Newport and Lynchburg.

Upcoming Events . . .

Women's Lacrosse (6-0)

- Mar. 28 vs. Salisbury State University at the Battleground, 4 p.m.
- Mar. 30 at Washington & Lee U., 2 p.m.
- Apr. 2 vs. Goucher College at the Battleground, 4 p.m.

Women's Tennis (7-3)

- Mar. 30 vs. Salisbury State University at the Battleground, 1 p.m.
- Mar. 31 vs. Washington College at the Battleground, 2 p.m.
- Apr. 3 at Georgetown Univ., 3:30 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse (4-1)

- Apr. 3 vs. Virginia Wesleyan College at the Battleground, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball (11-3)

- Mar. 30 vs. North Adams State College at the Battleground, 1 p.m.
- Apr. 1 vs. University of Scranton at the Battleground, 3 p.m.
- Apr. 3 at St. Mary's College, 3 p.m.

Men's Tennis (5-2)

- Mar. 30-31 - VITA Championships at Newport News, Va.
- Apr. 2 vs. University of Scranton at the Battleground, 3:30 p.m.

Softball (6-11)

- Mar. 29 at Gallaudet University, 2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 30 vs. Christopher Newport Univ. at the Battleground, 1 p.m.

Track & Field

- Mar. 29-30 - MWC Battleground Relays at the Battleground, 10 a.m.



Tim Selgas

"This is the first year we've beaten Lynchburg," Kube said.

The Eagles' CAC opener at St. Mary's College was next on the agenda. The Eagles disposed of St. Mary's with a 16-8 victory.

Senior Eliza Huber led the charge with six goals, while junior Liza Barber chipped in five. Juniors Charlotte Cockrell, Kristie Fasanaro, and Inga Fredland each contributed a goal apiece. Freshmen Dabney Boye and Melissa Ballance also contributed goals.

The Eagles now face the rest of an imposing CAC slate.

"We have some hard games coming up that are really critical," Huber said.

The Eagles began the week with a road battle at Randolph-Macon Tuesday. Then they return home for an important Thursday afternoon conference battle with Salisbury State.

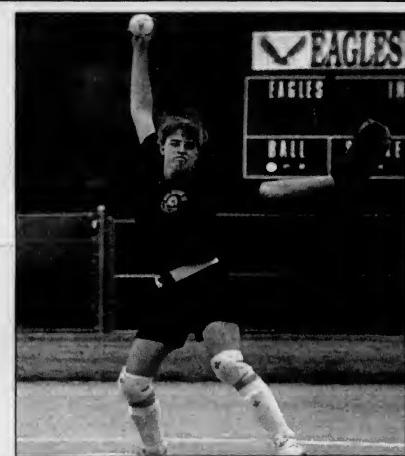
"Last year they blew us out, and it is a conference game," Kube said, explaining the importance of the Salisbury contest.

However, with their solid start the Eagles have confidence for the CAC schedule.

"I think we have done better than we ever have before," Huber said.

"The team is really sticking together."

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Softball Finds Its Way Back Home

Sophomore Jenny Adams fires a pitch at the new Softball field on March 25, in a game against Hartwick College, which the Eagles won 4-1. The official dedication of the new softball stadium will be on Saturday at 1 p.m., when the Eagles play Christopher Newport. There will be a Dixieland band and several prizes will be given out throughout the afternoon.

Swimmers Close '96 Season at Nationals

By Eric Gaffen
Bullet Staff Writer

Several MWC women swimmers competed against the best in the nation on March 14-16 at the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships at Atlanta, GA (Emory University).

Senior Eliza Barcus became an Honorable Mention All-American in the 500 yard freestyle, placing 13th overall with a time of 5:11.11 in the consolation finals. The 400 medley relay team of seniors Sarah King and Gretchen Hurley, junior Emily Williams and sophomore Jessica Green captured Honorable Mention All-American Honors, finishing 13th with a time of 4:07.01 in the consolation finals. King also placed 36th overall in the 50-yard freestyle, with a time of 25.39.

The following day, King fought back from her 36th place finish to claim All-American honors in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.86. She placed fourth overall in the nation. More All-American honors ensued in the 800 freestyle relay for Darcy, Green, Williams and Barcus. The team placed eighth in a school-record time of 7:57.78. On the same day, the 200 medley relay team of King, Hurley, Green and senior Liz Darcy received Honorable Mention All-American honors, finishing 14th, with a time of

1:53.37. In the 200 freestyle, Darcy finished 24th (1:58.67) and Barcus was 32nd (2:00.65). Hurley finished 26th in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:10.67.

The final day of competition saw Barcus finish 12th in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:49.26 to become an Honorable Mention All-American. King finished 13th in the 200 backstroke in 2:10.92 to also gain honorable mention All-American.

King's career as a Mary Washington College swimmer ends as a nine-time All-American after another strong showing this year. Williams finished 23rd in the 1,650 free in 18:18.76. Hurley claimed 25th place in the 200 breaststroke in 2:32.07.

"This was definitely our best season going to nationals. We sent the most girls ever, and everyone swam outstanding. Coach [Matt] Kinney did a great job all year and we owe a lot to him," Hurley said.

Overall, MWC finished 16th place, while Kenyon College (Ohio), coach Kinney's alma mater, finished first for the 13th consecutive year.

Kinney was very happy with the results of the meet. "We swam great in comparison to the rest of the teams who were at the meet. We didn't swim our very best, but the all-out effort was there, and everyone who swam at nationals made at least one lifetime best."

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File Photo

Senior Heather Hallows goes after a ground ball. Hallows and the rest of the women's lacrosse team have gotten off to a 6-0 start.

Men's Lax Streaks to Fourth Straight Win

By Tamara Morse
Bullet Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team's record stands at 4-1 as the result of three wins last week. The team has posted a few big wins, including the first win in school history over the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets.

The team began their 11 game season with a 29-7 loss to Salisbury State University, the two-time defending Division III national champs. However, they quickly recovered with a come-from-behind win against Marymount University already by the victory over Randolph-Macon.

The Eagles' next win came against Lynchburg on March 21 provided tri-captain Bill McLean the opportunity to break his scoring record. He topped the mark to become the all-time leading scorer. McLean currently has 137 points during his career. McLean has provided the team with some veteran leadership this season, helping to anchor the team.

Along with McLean, seniors Bryan Eckle and Denis Tarpey make up the team's tri-captain leadership. The team also has four other seniors and numerous returning players.

"The team voted for the three captains

but all of the seniors collectively lead. Even the seniors that aren't captains help a lot. The other non-captain seniors step up and they're pretty much seen as captains because of their experience," Tarpey said.

The strong leadership for the team has helped lead the Eagles to their early season wins.

"We respect all the team members' opinions because when we respect them, they respect us as well," Tarpey said.

Another key player returning this season is junior Kyle Aldrich. Aldrich has come out with a bang with two seven point games already in the young season. He paced the Eagles last season with 31 points.

Gieser said that problems for the Eagles are with defense, communication, and getting off to good starts.

"We play three good quarters every game. We just always seem to have a weak first quarter," head coach Kurt Gieser said.

The same sentiment was shared by Bryan Eckle.

"We've won every game in the fourth quarter. We usually start slow and then finish strong. We're trying to step up the defense early on," Eckle said.

According to Gieser, the team has been

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McLean Breaks Record

By Melissa Schreiber
Bullet Staff Writer

[McCrudden] is. McCrudden is the team's goalie.

Over the past four seasons McCrudden has been in the top one and two positions for total points each year, sharing the top spot with Reed until this year. In 1993, McCrudden had 44 goals/8 assists, in 1994, he scored 38 goals/2 assists and last season he tallied 26 goals/2 assists. Presently this season McCrudden has 13 goals/3 assists.

"Bill adds to our offensive power," said fellow attackman Kyle Aldrich. "He's the big gun, with a shot of 90 mph plus."

McCrudden, who is a two-time All-CAC honoree (in 1993 and '94), scored seven goals and had one assist last week, leading the Eagle men to their first ever win against Randolph-Macon.

Senior Bryan Eckle, a tri-captain along with McCrudden and senior Denis Tarpey, said McCrudden's most important point came last week.

"Bill is a good player. In the four



MWC senior Bill McLean: new Eagle scoring leader.

win against Randolph-Macon.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sean Michael Dargan Returns to the Nest

By Leigh Reveyeley

Bullet Staff Writer

Mary Washington College students walked into the Eagle's Nest Sunday night to find the set of the band SMD clad in colorful silk underwear.

Former MWC student Sean Michael Dargan decided to stop by the Eagle's Nest on March 24 to have a "dress rehearsal" with his band before they played at The Birchmere, a club in Alexandria VA, the next night.

Dargan, a native of Amarillo, Texas, graduated from the college in 1990. Even though he is launching a career as a musician, he feels that college was a good experience.

"College is a great idea! I would've majored in music...but English was an easy A...I guess it helped out with the lyrics..." Dargan says.

The band was formed shortly after the musician's graduation and has been together for four years. They've played locally in the Fredericksburg area and are performing in AlveyPalooza later this month. The members of the band consist of Will Gravatt on drums, Claude Arthur on bass, MWC senior Tim Bray on lead guitar, and Dargan on guitar and lead vocals.

"We all think we can sing," Dargan joked.

A mixed crowd of students and local teenagers waited under pink and blue stage lights while munching on various delicacies of the Eagle's Nest. Despite the waiting, it seemed to come as a surprise when Sean Michael Dargan picked up his guitar and began to play solo. Conversations quickly ended as the music traveled across the room.

After a very relaxed song, Dargan addressed the crowd with an energetic "Hi and welcome to the Eagle's Nest!" He then proceeded to play "Home-town," Joe Jackson's song about lost youth. Following the song, the guitarist was joined up on stage by Claude Arthur.

"That's a mighty big bass you got there, Claude." Dargan introduced his bassist. Together they played a song off their "CD of seventy-nine years ago, well two actually."

Drummer Will Gravatt joined in shortly after. As the band played, more and more people came in to see what was going on. A congregation stood at the back of the room, unable to find chairs.

The more the band played, the more the audience seemed to relax and start to breathe. They seemed to



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

enjoy being able to procrastinate in such a guiltless way. The crowd also seemed to relate to Dargan's songs, which are full of situations and emotions.

After a few more original songs including "Valerie," "Before the War," and "Snapshot Memory," the band took a break. During the break, the situation of the mysterious silk underwear was addressed.

"Somebody threw a pair of underwear up on stage," Dargan said holding up a red pair. "Oh Michelle, are these yours? Oh look, there's another pair over there...You know, Michelle, I hear his junior ring week." A very embarrassed junior picked up her underwear and quickly disappeared.

The extremely talented senior, Tim Bray, joined the band on lead guitar, making the second half of the show much more energetic and upbeat.

"You know, if you really wanted to, you could get up here and dance...I'm not telling you to, but if you wanted to..." Sean Dargan addressed the crowd. A few girls

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Sean Michael Dargan, commonly known as SMD, played to a packed house at the Eagle's Nest last Sunday as a warm-up to his headlining show at the Birchmere.

MOVIE REVIEW

Williams, Azaria Steal the Show in "The Birdcage"

By Angela Taylor

Bullet Movie Critic

It's gaudy. It's flamboyant. It's melodramatic. It's hilarious.

Director:

Mike Nichols did a truly magnificent job with his new film "The Birdcage," a remake of the French film "La Cage aux Folles." Robin Williams stars as Armand Goldman, the owner of a gay nightclub, The Birdcage. Nathan Lane plays his drag queen lover Albert, who headlines at the club under the stage name Starina.

All is well until Armand's son Val (the result of his one and only heterosexual encounter played by Dan Futterman) shows up with one small request. He intends to marry his college sweetheart Barbara (Calista Flockhart) whose parents are upper-class Republicans played by Gene Hackman and Dianne Wiest. So what Val wants is for Armand to get rid of Albert for a day and play it straight when Barbara's parents come for dinner.

Ohio Senator Keeley (Hackman) is in the midst of a political scandal due to an unfortunate incident involving a motel room and a prostitute. He feels that the upstanding, white wedding of his daughter is just the thing to restore his reputation. Keeley and his wife are under the impression that Val's father is the "cultural attaché to Greece" and his mother is a housewife. Barbara also lies about Armand's last name, lest her parents find out he's Jewish.

So for Val's sake, Armand undertakes to redecorate the house and stow Albert away. Removing the phallic symbols is easy enough, but the highly emotional Albert creates a problem. He soon realizes what's going on and proceeds to become hysterical screaming, weeping, sulking and otherwise displaying the worst case of PMS I've ever seen. So Armand feels guilty and agrees to let him stay—provided that he pretends to be "Uncle Al," which gives him five hours to learn how to act masculine.

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WMWC Top Ten List

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Place	Album	Artist
1.	"Junkie"	Union Deposit Road
2.	"Amish Paradise"	"Weird" Al Yankovich
3.	"Mellon Collie & Infinite Sadness"	Smashing Pumpkins
4.	"The Grey Race"	Bad Religion
5.	"Trip Along"	Tripping Daisy
6.	"Pogue Mahone"	The Pogues
7.	"Salt Peter"	Ruby
8.	"Peaches"	Presidents of U.S.A.
9.	"Gilded Stars and Zealous Hearts"	Velocity Girls
10.	"Different Class"	Pulp

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bullet at x1133 or WMWC at x1152

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Local Music Scene

George St Grill
Friday: Rubberband
Saturday: Big Stoner Creek

Irish Brigade
Friday: Jook
Saturday: Gravity's Pull

Santa Fe Bar and Grill
Friday/Saturday: In Theory

Coming Attractions...

Thursday, March 28-April 7: "Taming of the Shrew," Klein Theatre

Saturday, March 30: AlveyPalooza featuring smd., wolfpatrick, Chasing Magic, The Cassowary Onslaught, and Keith Monta Apgar; concert/festival; Ball Circle, free

Saturday, March 30: Movie, "Sixteen Candles," Dodd Auditorium; \$1

Sunday, March 31: Wendy Liebman; Dodd Auditorium; \$1 for MWC students, \$5 general public; 8:30 p.m.

Williams, Azaria Steal the Show in "The Birdcage"

By Angela Taylor

Bullet Movie Critic

Album Review

Stone Temple Pilots "Tiny Music" Not Quite True to Form

By Buckley Fountain

Bullet Assistant Entertainment Editor

Spring is here but it's taken quite a while and it just doesn't look quite the same. The same is true of the new Stone Temple Pilots album, "Tiny Music...Songs from the Vatican Gift Shop".

Yes, they're back—but not really. The sound of "Core" and most of "Purple" has disappeared. On many of the tracks, Scott Weiland's voice is nearly unrecognizable. And the heavy melodic riffing of "Plush" and "Interstate Love Song" is nowhere to be found.

Maybe this is a good thing, though. According to the experts, the Seattle "grunge" scene is "out". It is no longer on the cutting edge of "alternative" music. This seemed apparent two years ago when it became immensely popular, but in any case, it's nice to see a fresh face on a band that one knows has quite a bit of talent within it.

So how are the songs? Many are on the softer side. "Press Play", the opening track, is a smooth baseline

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set against the bell-like tones of natural guitar harmonics. As with many of the tracks, producer Brendan O'Brien contributes his meanderings on a Fender Rhodes piano, "Lady Picture Show", the album's fifth track, sounds a bit like Sergeant Pepper/Magical Mystery Tour era Beatles. As well, the songs "And So I Know", with its spacy jazz, and "Adhesive" both have a very atmospheric quality—a floating sort of rhythm which is quite nice, although more a sign of a beautiful production job than anything else in some cases.

There are also quite a few pieces of music on the album which are not so "tiny"—they are faster and heavier. Highlights include track 3, "Tumble

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Timmy's Plan: Avoid 'Same Old Themes' & Just Play Music

By Ed Egge
Bullet Staff Writer

Off-beat, creative, and talented, "Timmy and the Sinister Plan" describes themselves as a band where "evil carnival music meets ska rock."

Electric pianist, accordionist, and singer Tom Merigan, guitarist and singer Lindsay Graham, bassist Tristan Leiter, and drummer Brandon Goldstein make up this band comprised entirely of current and former MWC students. They began playing together in October and landed their first gig at the Under-ground.

Since then, the band has opened for the popular local group, Breakfast, at both the George Street Grill and at the Irish Brigade. Their fourth performance was this past Saturday at Grill on the Hill.

"Grill on the Hill was a success. The sound system was fantastic and it made for a great show," explains Merigan, a sophomore historic preservation major.

Listing Tom Waits, Frank

Zappa, Led Zeppelin, and Phish as their inspirations, this group desires to be labeled as anything but typical. Their sound is mix of all of these, resulting in an upbeat "circus rock" style.

"There's a million groups out there working on the same old musical themes like love. We want to escape from that sort of thing," says Merigan.

Their repertoire of originals includes nine songs, and they're currently working on five more. Their lyrics, written by Tom and Lindsay, tend to be "strange and fun stories about fairly meaningless subjects" according to Meridian. Their songs cover a wide variety of subjects ranging from Harry Houdini to a fictional spy named "Ultra-Secret Danger Man".

"Timmy and the Sinister Plan" can be seen playing with Breakfast on Thursday nights at the Irish Brigade. Their next on-campus show will be April 12th at the German House.

ing members of the band who returned from playing video games.

The band played two more selections, "Sarah with an H" and "Lamplight," with half a drum and then called it a night.

It seems a good majority of the crowd were regular fans of SMD.

"I've heard them before and I think they're wonderful," commented freshman Elisa Lucin.

"My friends and I see Sean Michael Dargan every Wednesday night at the Irish Brigade. It was really good to here him with the whole band," Angela Maitozzi added.

The crowd at the Eagle's Nest seemed happy to have spent such a pleasant evening with Sean Michael Dargan. When the concert came to a close, the thought of Monday morning seemed to bring them back to reality. If the weekend had to end, it was the perfect way to end it.

After another request, Dargan exclaimed "I think I hear a kick drum... You know, I hear we're getting the band back together."

He proceeded to page various miss-

BIRDCAGE page 8

Using John Wayne as a role model Armand tries to teach Albert how to walk like a man. The result looks more like Grandma found that bottle of Jim Beam hidden in the linen closet. When it becomes apparent that Albert is hopeless, Armand pays a visit to Val's mother, Katherine, played by Catherine Baranski of TV's "Cibyll." She is more than willing to show up as Val's housewife mother to attend for 20 years of lost time. Well, naturally Albert is hurt and looks himself in the bedroom, where everyone hopes he'll stay.

The Keeleys show up for dinner and things don't go quite as well as planned. Katherine gets stuck in traffic and Armand's gay, Guatemalan servant Agador (Hank Azaria) can't seem to pull off the straight butler act, but at least the Keeleys are swallowing the story. That is, until Albert sashays in as Val's mother.

From there the whole plot goes insane and we end up with a glimpse of Gene Hackman as we've never seen him before. He gives a good showing, as does West in the naive, motherly role characteristic of her career. Flockhart, however, gives absolutely no personality to the character of Barbara and Futterman is the son of a gay couple isn't a whole lot better.

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in the Rough", and track 7, "Trippin' on a hole in a Paper Heart", which contains the lyrics, "Don't cut out my paper heart...All dressed up on wedding day/ keep on trippin' anyway". Like many of the lyrics on this album, these don't seem to make much sense, instead being amusing solely for the images presented.

Also good is track 8, "Art School Girl" which despite its silly name and even sillier lyrics, has a beautiful groove to it and finds Weiland doing a strikingly accurate imitation of Elvis Costello. Unfortunately, the song periodically breaks into a repetitive dis-

torted section which kills the mood the song has so skillfully created. The last song on the album, "Seven Caged Tigers", bears the closest resemblance to their "old" days. It has same fun rhythm, or "roll" as "Interstate Love Song", but without the kick. It may be the best song on the album.

While it is largely different from their earlier albums, this album is probably one that will grow on most listeners. Earlier comments notwithstanding, the album definitely has power and energy. If you have enjoyed them before and respect them for talent, have a listen.

LIZARD page 8

Williams and Lane are convincing as husband and "wife" with Williams spending most of his time chasing after Lane and trying to soothe his hurt feelings. Although Lane's estrogen-charged character is a bit too melodramatic he provokes most of the laughter and you find yourself waiting for him to show up. Unexpectedly, Lane is the comedic source as opposed to Williams. Williams' character is more complex and he adds a little sensitivity to the proceedings. He plays more of a straight man (no pun intended) but he usually does and lets Lane enjoy most of the spotlight. Both actors show an amazing amount of energy and keep up a fast pace.

Hank Azaria as the Spanish servant is probably the most noteworthy performance in the film. In his cropped T-shirts and too-tight cut-offs he doesn't even have to speak to be funny. And when he does, his feminine Spanish accent will have you rolling.

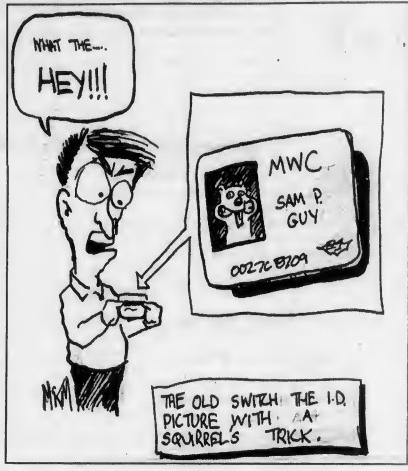
I must say, I haven't been this amused for quite some time. The only problem I had was hearing some of the lines over the audience's laughter. They actually applauded at the end of the movie. So you don't have to take my word for it - take theirs.

tapioca, look up "tapioca weaving" in the C&P Yellow Pages because, well, no other book can match it. You'd be surprised to find out just how many tapioca weavers there really are.

6. Put a razor blade in their bar of soap: Use this one with only close friends. They're taking that early morning shower, lathering up in a semi-conscious daze, when suddenly — OUCH! Their torso's being ripped to shreds! OH THE FUN. Hey, it's only a kid's game unless you draw some blood.

8. Wait, you ask. What happened to 7? APRIL FOOL HAHAHAHA.

9. Call Our Friend Mr. Simpson: Call O.J. and tell him you found the Real Killer, and then give him his own address. He loves that one. Just don't bring up the whole bloody glove thing, he gets testy when people talk about that.



Easter 1987, Age 5

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truly, devotionally committed who live out their faith, "they are dramatically different," he said.

Results show that the 13 percent who are most committed are more happy, charitable, tolerant and ethical, and have more concern for a better society than do the less committed.

As the same time, Gallup also finds that people are afraid to talk about their religion.

"On college campuses," he said, "students should be discussing and debating from their own religious traditions. But you don't find it. So nobody learns, nobody is served."

Sociological and psychological research confirms that religion is good for both your physical and mental health. Psychologists David Myers and Ed Diener summarized much of this research in a 1995 article in the professional journal

"Psychological Science."

"Religiously active" people (typically defined as those who attend church regularly) tend to be physically healthier and to live longer than others. They are much less likely than irreligious people to become delinquent, to abuse drugs and alcohol, to be divorced or unhappy married, or to commit suicide.

Research in the U.S. and 14 other Western nations has found that happiness and life satisfaction rise with the level of religious commitment, and that those who are very committed religiously are more than twice as likely to define themselves as being "very happy" than those who are not religious. The results of numerous studies show that the best predictors of happiness among the elderly are good health and religiosity.

Even when crisis does strike, religiosity seems to be what psychologists refer to as a "protective factor" against stress. Religious people are slightly less vulnerable to depression, and people with a strong religious faith retain greater happiness after traumatic events such as bearing a disabled child, becoming widowed, undergoing a divorce or losing a job.

So, if you're one of the many MWC students who does take religion seriously, just remember that religion is good not only for your spiritual growth, but for your physical health and psychological happiness as well.

Thomas G. Moeller is a professor of psychology.

RING page 3

and the class bonfire. Juniors have been strongly encouraged to use these events to escape the attention of their peers and to bond as a class.

The highlight of the week is Ring Presentation, where the students will receive their rings. The students will don their rings (put them on) in unison, under the direction of the class president. The official momento of the Mary Washington experience, will then be worn in style at the Junior Ring Dance, held on Saturday

evening. The Ring Dance acts to end the week of activities. Pranks, jokes and college antics officially end once the members of the junior class receive their rings.

Mary Washington College's Junior Ring Week is one of the few traditions of its kind in the nation. There are presently only ten other institutions that regard the ring ceremony with such high esteem. Hey, even though it is a long week for juniors, it will certainly create

some special memories. After all, it is a lot better than simply receiving your ring in a cardboard box from the UPS guy. Have fun, be safe, and most of all, juniors, remember it's only other juniors who are your true friends this week.

Michelle Trombetta is a junior political science major. She is also the Junior Class President.

LETTERS page 3

The Honor Council did not "force me to run for President." I was hesitant at first because I was unsure if I wanted this responsibility my senior year. After much thought and discussion (with non-council members), I decided that this was my time to run, and that I was qualified to take on the responsibility.

This was not the clean, friendly campaign that I thought it was going to be. Between these rumors and the misrepresentation of the so-called "candidate information sheet," I felt pressure during the campaign, but many helped me through it. The support of the students over the past three years has been amazing. I am blessed to have friends like you.

I am excited to accept the challenge of being Honor Council President. And, according to the election results printed in the Feb. 29 issue of the Bullet, so are the students of Mary Washington College. By this I mean that more people voted for Honor Council President than any other position. This demonstrates to me and to the Honor Council that you,

the students, take the Honor System very seriously and that you honestly care about what happens in the future.

Amy Szczepanski
Honor Council President-Elect
junior

Circle K Has Gone A Long Way

A couple of weeks ago a column was printed in the Bullet concerning Circle K's improvement this year as a club. This past weekend at the 36th annual Capital District Circle K convention we were definitely rewarded for our efforts!

Recognition and awards our Circle K club received were: second place for the Achievement Award, second place for the Most Improved Club Award, the Dominion Division Lieutenant Governor's Award, the Governor's Theme Award, Serve to Grow-Grow to Serve Membership Goal Award and first place for Club Scrapbook.

In addition, I received the

Distinguished President Award, and our vice-president, Joe Pierce, won the Distinguished Vice-President Award. The Circle K Capital District includes clubs from Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland and Delaware.

We have had an outstanding year so far and it's not over yet! Some plans for the rest of the semester are a social to King's Dominion on Mar. 30, an Easter egg hunt with children from the Thurman Birken Homeless Shelter on Mar. 31, the American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Great Hall on April 2, and we are participating in the Multicultural Fair on April 13 and the MS Walk on April 14.

If anyone would like to know more or has any comments or questions, send a note to Circle K at Box 606, or better yet, come to a meeting to learn more about the wonderful opportunities that Circle K can offer.

Colleen Minion
Circle K President
junior

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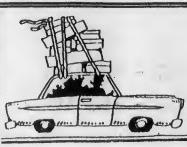
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James Caan and Billy Baldwin

Here's one that's a little harder:

Roy Scheider and Chris Elliott

And here's a third:

Jessica Tandy and Bruce Willis

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bullet? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions.

Here are last week's answers:

This match was made by sophomore Shelagh Meade.

Oprah Winfrey and Sharon Stone

Oprah Winfrey - Whoopie Goldberg (The Color Purple); Whoopie Goldberg - Mary Louise Parker (Boys On The Side); Mary Louise Parker - Kathy Bates (Fried Green Tomatoes); Kathy Bates - **Sharon Stone (Diabolique)**

This match was made by seniors Kate Andrews and Debbie Coffee.

Kirsten Dunst and Geena Davis

Kirsten Dunst - Winona Ryder (Little Women); Winona Ryder - Christina Ricci (Mermaids); Christina Ricci - Rosie O'Donnell (Now and Then); Rosie O'Donnell - Geena Davis (A League Of Their Own)

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Women's History Month Bulletin Boards Defaced By Students

By Kinney Horn
Bullet Staff Writer

Several bulletin boards promoting Women's History Month were vandalized in different areas throughout campus on March 11 and 12. Four bulletin boards that were part of a focus program to recognize Black History and Women's History month have been torn down, vandalized with obscene language, or covered with pornography in the two months that the program has been running.

According to Area Coordinator Heather Dilatash, as part of a new diversity focus program this year, every freshman hallway this year was required to have a banner promoting diversity, during either Black History or Women's History months which run during February and March, respectively. Approximately 30 to 40 bulletin boards were constructed by resident assistants and residents which promoted different aspects of diversity during the two month period.

In Alvey Hall, the freshmen residents on the fourth

floor listed degrading comments on a bulletin board on their hall. According to Head Resident Jennifer Rudolf, the bulletin board displayed the phrase "Top 10 Reasons to be a Woman," was left blank for the residents to contribute their own reasons.

"The first comment that was left was 'multiple orgasms? . . . They were given a bad example and they followed it,'" said Rudolf.

One of the final comments that was left was, "I know I deserve it when he beats me."

Unlike the other occurrences, Rudolf said that all the comments were evidently left by women who live in the hall. According to Rudolf, some of the residents had told the RA's that their hallmates did this as a "joke."

"It's the fact that it's a female hall that disgusts me," said Rudolf.

According to Alvey resident assistant Jennifer Koster, the RA's did not supervise in the activity. It was only after Rudolf and another RA went to the fourth floor that some of the floor's residents said the board had disturbed them.

"We gave them leeway and we probably shouldn't

have," said Koster. As a result of the occurrence, the RA's in Alvey have made plans to have another organization come in and speak to the residents about sexual assault and other issues.

"Whether or not people thought it was a joke, it's a big deal," said Allyson Poska, assistant history professor and Women's History Month organizer.

Other bulletin boards around campus were defaced as well. One bulletin board that Bushnell Hall residents constructed with the slogan "CELEBRATE WOMEN" was torn down only hours after it was put in the hall.

"At first [posting the signs] was a very positive experience, but it became negative and discouraging," said Dilatash.

Jamie Morris, an RA in Bushnell, explained that she and five or six of her residents then constructed a second bulletin board after the first was torn down.

"The second one was not as good as the first . . . They were upset because the first one looked really good," said Morris.

Another bulletin board had a pornographic picture of

a naked woman added to original work of the students.

"With these bulletin boards the case went from a celebration of women, to a degradation of women... when you put [pornography] up it's sexist and racist," said Dilatash.

Allyson Poska acknowledged that "different things happened to different bulletin boards, and that she had spoken to the college police about the incidents."

According to the chief of police Greg Perry, some of the occurrences could be considered hate crimes or a violation of civil rights. "No report was filed. It sounds like the situation is being handled administratively," said Perry.

In addition to commotion surrounding the bulletins boards promoting Women's History month, a bulletin board promoting Black's history month was also torn down. According to Dilatash the bulletin board program will be continue next year as part of the diversity program.

"Regardless of what people say, [defacing the bulletin boards] goes beyond insensitivity," added Dilatash.

COACH page 1

Anderson after the season was over, and also met with Hegmann for an hour to discuss concerns with the men's basketball program.

Hegmann acknowledged that the meeting took place but could not remember whether or not he had seen the letter. Davies said he never saw the letter but that he had heard about it.

"I don't think anyone has any respect for him, honestly. He's a nice guy and everybody will say that to you, but as far as being a basketball coach, he does not have any control over his players," said Carey, a two-year player and Bullet writer. "I don't think he ever has for the four years I've been here."

White is an assistant varsity basketball coach at Ward Melville High School and said he does use a few of Davies' philosophies when he coaches. However, he said he feels that Davies' biggest problem is communicating his philosophies to his players.

"My thing with Coach Davies was he knows the game, he knows the X's and O's, but Coach Davies' main problems is he does not how to get it through," said White, a four-year player at guard and point guard.

Johnson, a captain on the 1995-96 team, said one of the problems is no one has faith and confidence as Davies as a coach. He also pointed to the strength of the schedule

at the beginning of the season as a factor in the defeatist attitude of the team.

"I understand his theory of playing strong teams but he shouldn't do that unless he has a strong team himself," said Johnson. "McCarthy and I figured out for the last three years we are 1-15 for the first semester."

Johnson said he has become friends with Davies the last two years he has played basketball, but he believes that "you get a feeling it is a joke from Day One." This lack of discipline was also pointed out by Christian Canino, a sophomore guard who will transfer to Messiah College after this season.

"He doesn't get respect from his players and I think that shows up throughout the season and practice and stuff," said Canino. "That transcends into the way we play."

Not all the Eagles players are willing to blame Davies for the team's poor performances.

Former guard Colin Whitehouse said that though Davies deserves some of the blame, the players have to accept some of the burden also.

"I don't think you can attribute all the losing to Davies. I think the players have to shoulder some of it too," said Whitehouse a four-year player.

Whitehouse also said he felt that this communication

breakdown was one of Davies' weaknesses, but he added that Davies had improved dramatically from Whitehouse's freshman year to senior year.

Freshman point guard Dave Love said he feels the same way about the situation, that the players have to take responsibility for the team themselves.

Players have to come in with a better attitude the last two years he has held individual meetings with players to increase the communication.

Former forward Jamie Warren said that the players' poor execution of Davies' strategies were part of the problem. However, he said it was a combination of Davies failing to get the plays through to the players and as well as the players' failure to listen. Still, Warren said that if he had to do it all over again he would still have played for Davies at MWC.

"The two years I was there we won ten games and there were a lot more people at fault than him, including myself," said Warren, the leading scorer in the 1994-95 campaign at 19.2 points per game.

Davies said that there are several reasons for the nine-year run of losing and the points to the higher average SAT score of 1100 compared to 1019 when he first started, as one of them. He said he believes that the successful players he had in the past wouldn't get in now due to the

tougher admissions standards. Nonetheless, Davies said he also feels that MWC is finally becoming known in the northeastern part of the country which will help the men's basketball team in the future.

Sophomore guard Mike Prensky said that the college administration should share some of the blame for the poor performance of the basketball team because it does not make the sport a priority. He said the team has poor uniforms and only one assistant coach, while most other schools have several assistant coaches who handle scouting, recruiting and game preparation.

"Players should have personal pride. The coach does not put points on the board, the players do," said Prensky.

Davies, who has a permanent position at the college since achieving tenure in 1984, has been at the school for 18 years, the fourth-longest service for any active coach, and makes \$43,387. According to Hegmann and Dean of the Faculty Barbara Palmer, termination of a tenure contract involves a series of negative recommendations starting with Hegmann and moving up to Palmer, President Anderson, and the college's Board of Visitors.

Anderson said as far as he knows Davies will be coach next season. Davies himself said he has not thought of how much longer he will coach but stated he will not step down for next season.



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Ham & Cheese	\$3.99	
Ham and American Cheese.		
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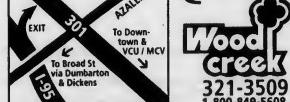
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